

Heaven and Hell

By Adil Salahi

Our topic last week, "the life to come", emphasized that the present life of ours cannot be taken as final. There is so much injustice and suffering in our world to allow it. Justice must be done. Another life, totally different in nature from our present one, must be established to allow for that. Otherwise an important attribute of Allah's, namely, total and absolute justice, would not be realized.

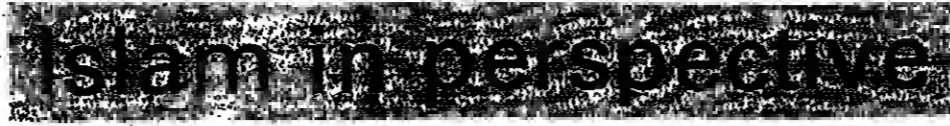
One question which arises here is: What sort of life? The Islamic answer is that all human beings will be raised again to receive their rewards. They all are divided into two groups: the righteous and the transgressors. The righteous will be in bliss: they go to Heaven where they find all the luxuries and comforts which they could not have imagined possible, even in their wildest dreams. The transgressors, on the other hand, will be in Hell where their suffering is both unimaginable and endless. The Qur'an contains many passages describing what each group will find in its assigned destiny. These descriptions, however, are made in the terms of our own world, to make them easy for us to understand. What takes place in Heaven and Hell is beyond the

capacity of our imagination. A careful reading of these Qur'anic passages will make clear to us some very important facts.

First among these is that the Qur'an touches upon the two parallel feelings in human nature, namely, fear and hope, to emphasize the fact that man's happiness in both this life and the life to come depends on his acceptance of Allah's guidance conveyed through the prophets.

Secondly, the determining factor which places any individual with either group is his or her own actions. Faith is obviously of paramount importance. After that every action a man does is taken into account for or against him.

Thirdly, Allah's forgiveness is available to any believer who prays for it. The Islamic concept of the Divine Being portrays Him as a Compassionate who is always ready to forgive any creature all his sins, provided that the sinner believes in His unity and that He is the Lord of the universe and all its inhabitants. Allah is always ready to forgive, even the most cardinal of sins provided that the person concerned



What the Qur'an teaches

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

When the stunning blast is sounded, on that day each man will forsake his brother, his mother and his father, his wife and his children; for each one of them will on that day have enough preoccupations of his own.

Some faces on that day shall be beaming, smiling and joyful. Some other faces on that day shall be covered with dust, veiled with darkness. These shall be the faces of the disbelievers, the hardened in sin.

(The Frowning 80:33-42)

does not ascribe Divinity to any being other than Allah. The Qur'an states: "Allah does not forgive the ascribing of Divinity to anything beside Him, although He forgives any lesser sin to whomever He wills." (4:116)

Fourthly, there is no time limit for the life to come. It is endless. If we

cannot comprehend immortality we need only remember that time is a natural phenomenon peculiar to our planet. We do not know whether the life to come will be on earth or somewhere else. We certainly know that a great change will take place to render time meaningless.

**Life of the Prophet - 11
Honesty in presentation**

The Prophet's mission entered a new stage with the order he received from Allah to declare it publicly. His response was, as outlined last week, to stand on the top of a hill in the center of Makkah from where he called all the Makkah clans. As they gathered around he declared to them his message and asked them to accept Islam.

In order to appreciate the significance of that historic event we need to remember that although the Prophet was making his first public announcement of his mission, the people of Makkah were aware that a new philosophy was being propagated in their midst. They were not, however, aware of the aims and intentions of the Prophet and his early followers. The declaration on the hill of As-Safa brought home to them the scope of the new call. The aim was to bring about a total change in the life of the Arab society, its values and standards, its sense of purpose, its practices and its whole direction. The Prophet in effect, told his townspeople that they would have to change the whole setup of their society, if they wished to win the pleasure of Allah. Hence, the opposition with which his declaration was met was so fierce.

It takes great courage to challenge an established idea or a social tradition. People normally do not like to be told that they are wrong, especially when it comes to habits and traditions. Hence any call for a change is bound to be met, at least initially, with opposition. This is why many of those who call for any social change find it judicious to

make the change they call for appear moderate and gradual.

Yet, here was the Prophet (peace be with him) standing on the hill, calling all people, warning them and asking them to accept a total and comprehensive change which embraces all aspects of human life, including ideology, values and practices. His courageous action deserves much more than our admiration. We look to the Prophet for guidance. From him we learn how to play our role as advocates of Islam and how to convey the message of Islam to other people. His actions teaches us that we are not allowed to compromise when it comes to explaining what sort of social change the adoption of the Islamic way of life would involve.

This accounts for the accusation of "extremism" or "fanaticism" which is usually laid at the door of the advocates of Islam. Nothing is more erroneous than such a charge. Muslims generally, and those among them who take upon themselves the propagation of Islam in particular, are normally very tolerant, compassionate and frank. But very often their frankness is mistaken for rigidity, their honesty for fanaticism. The advocates of Islam, however, are neither rigid, nor fanatic. They simply state their case with honesty and clarity. Their message does not accept compromises, hence, they stick to it in its purity.

When we realize this we tend to look differently, but more justly, at the advocates of Islam.



QURAN TAUGHT: Turkish workers gather in the basement of a mosque to continue their children's education.

**Germans avoid us
Dilemma of Turkish expatriates**

By Johannes Katanan

DUISBURG, (INP) — Many Germans here believe that local politicians are wasting their time by considering legislation which would grant German citizenship to Turkish workers who keep many industries here going. The Turkish workers themselves complain that despite the fact that expatriates are a majority of the population, the Germans try to totally avoid them.

A number of "integration plans" have been suggested by the "Workers Welfare" (AWO) and by the Federal Families Ministry in the Huttenheim district of Duisburg.

Udo Baer, an AWO worker teaches Turkish immigrants needlework, sports and German lessons in an attempt to bring the Turks and Germans closer together.

There are also "youth afternoons", children's festivals and a football club as part of a co-ordinated effort to take young Turks off the streets. And there's a plan to combat illiteracy among the Turkish adult male population.

One teacher of German is Hasan Ozen, Turkish works council member at the Mannesmann plant. Every Friday afternoon, he's to be found at the "AWO" center, standing in front of the blackboard, perhaps explaining genitives to a group of fellow Turks: "Das ist Hasans Buch, oder: Das ist das Buch des Hasan". (That is Hasan's book, or: That is the book of Hasan). He tries hard, but is fully aware that this represents only a tiny step on the road to integration.

A situation has developed in which the original meaning of "integration" has been inverted. This is nowhere more obvious than at the Huttenheim Elementary School. With a register with a 75 percent ratio of Turks, there's talk now of how to integrate German pupils. A grotesque situation indeed — a German school in which the predominant language is Turkish. The majority of Turkish children here spend most of their elementary school days in all-Turkish classes. One teacher commented "The integration concept dating from the days in which we had a ten percent ratio of Turks at this school can no longer function."

It's hard to imagine a tougher task. Huttenheim epitomises the way in which German-Turkish problems run into an extreme deadlock in a town providing homes for 40,000 Turks. For years, the German population has been on the decline as the number of Turkish inhabitants has risen steadily with the growing influx of families of Turks already living and working in the Federal Republic of Germany.

Huttenheim has the biggest Turkish community. This southern precinct of Duisburg has a population of 6,000 with 2,400 of them Turkish. Statistics take on sharper relief



TEXTILE SHOP: A Turkish family owns this textile shop in Huttenheim. German-owned shops and businesses are becoming a rarity there.

when broken down into age groups. In the under-18 bracket, there are 1,226 Turks and only 814 Germans. In the one-to-three group, German children for a tiny minority — 103 Turks, 15 Germans.

So Huttenheim has a Turkish "ghetto", and this has gradually built up enormous problems in one particular part of the district. This is the area in which the Mannesmann and Thyssen steelworks converge. Chimney stacks unleash alternate brown or yellowish smoke and gases into the Duisburg sky. From here, the unending clanking and hooping of the factory railway shunting yard can be heard from afar.

Half of this industrial enclave in a major city of the huge Ruhr district is occupied almost exclusively by Turks, the rest by Germans. The "border" between the two communities is formed by *An der Steinkohl*. This development finds expression in the vernacular. For the people of Duisburg, Huttenheim is now *Turkenheim*. On one street, two of the three inns are Turkish-owned. Along *Rosenbergstrasse*, not a single German shop is left — all are firmly in Turkish hands. What was

once a dairy shop now sells olives, peppers and mutton. An old grocer's shop is now a mosque.

The thought of living shoulder-to-shoulder with a growing majority of foreigners has nurtured animosities based on fear, aggression and despair. But this is not always so. The proprietor of the "Huttenheim Grill" restaurant says she gets along well with the Turks. Frieda Cornelissen, who runs a snack kiosk on *Ungelsheimerstrasse*, says she has "no problems with the Turks". But different sentiments are to be heard elsewhere.

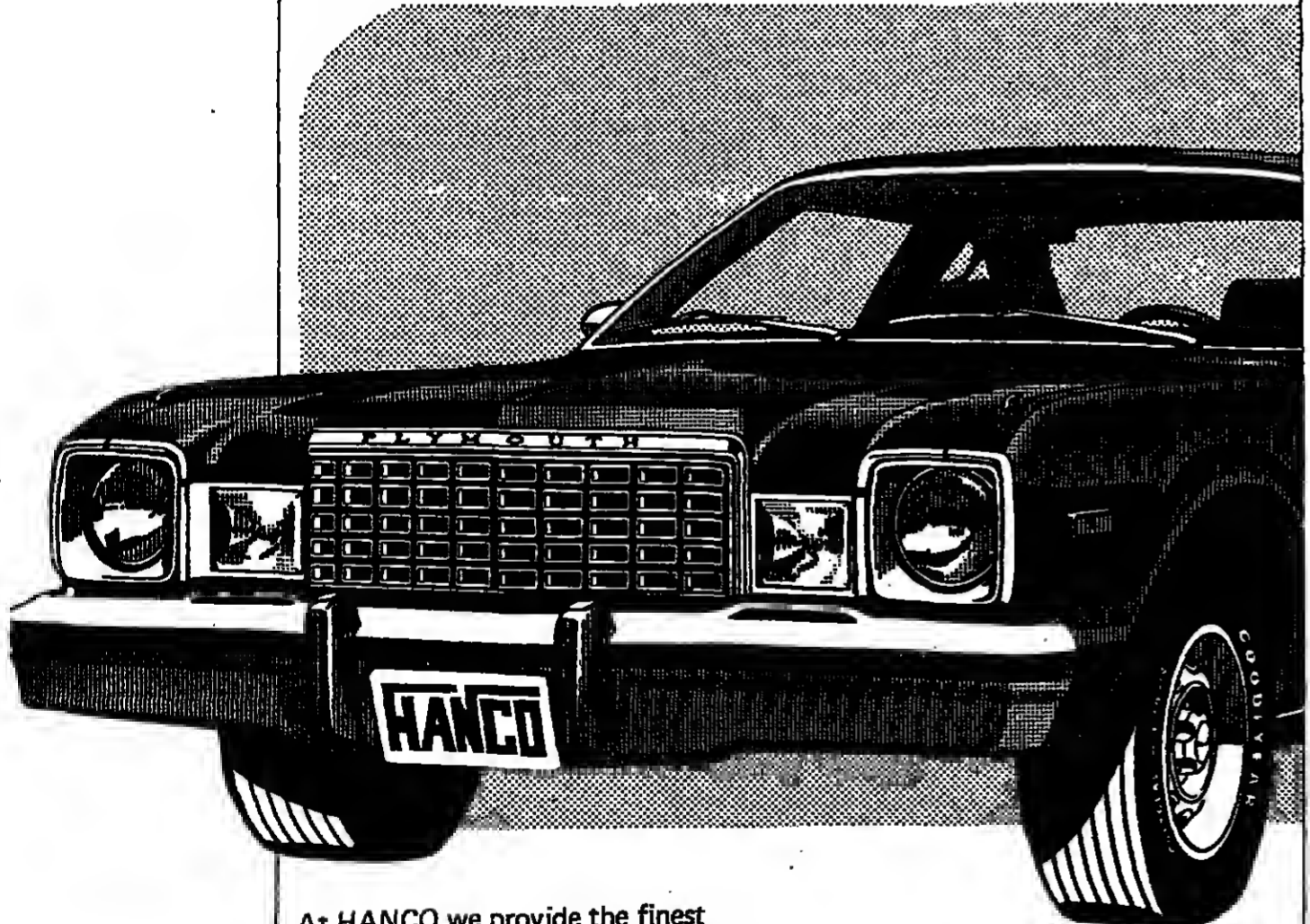
The main area where Turkish workers live is called "An der Steinkohl", Udo Baer calls it the "frontline road", facing onto the street, the houses have little gardens. A way from the street are rows of gloomy backyards.

Heidi, a woman who knows her own mind and doesn't hold back with her opinions, runs a lemonade and ice kiosk on the street. Her voice becomes harsh: "Turks? Man, don't talk to us about that!" Across the street lives Huseyio Horaz. He works at the Thyssen steel plant, earning a living for his family. Eight people, four rooms, no bathroom.



INTEGRATION PROBLEMS: Turkish children in Huttenheim gather in the street to play. In the one-to-three age group, German children form a tiny minority, 103 Turks and 15 German children. In the under-18 age group there are 1,226 Turks and 814 German youths

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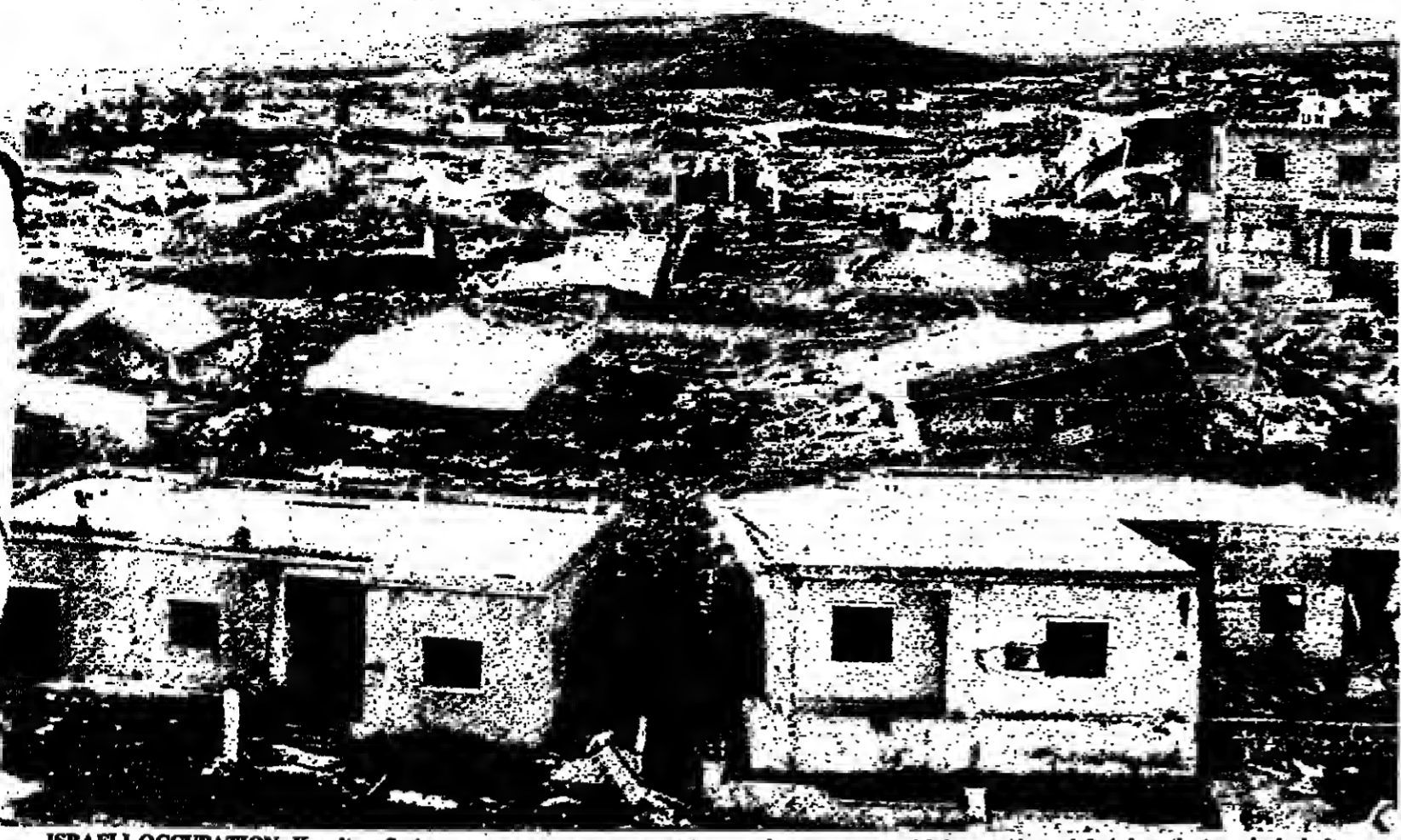
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ISRAELI OCCUPATION: Kuneitra, Syria was captured during the 1967 war when 50,000 called it home. Above, left, is how the town looked after several years of Israeli occupation. Above, right, how it looked seven years later when the Israelis deserted it after bulldozing and dynamiting.

Suffering of millions is caused by Israeli occupation

BOOK REVIEW

Under Israeli Occupation, by George Tanber, a 20-page booklet published National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA), 1980, Washington, D.C., \$2.

photo essays record the human side of Israeli occupation of Arab territories, a portion which this publication points out is valued by more than \$4.8 billion each year in the United States. A bleak picture painted under which millions of humans are forced to live in inhuman conditions while their orphan children suffer, as provided by the already over-

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).

"The Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have been held hostage for fourteen years," David Sudd, NAAA executive director explains in the foreword. "The fate of more than one million residents of these areas lies in the hands of military occupiers who propose to offer the rightful inhabitants only marginal control over their own affairs."

"All too often, the situation in the occupied territories is discussed in abstract, geopolitical terms that leave out the people who live, work and die there every day."

The human side of the occupation and suffering of millions is pointed out in the work of George Joseph Tanber, a photo-

grapher and journalist who traveled throughout occupied Arab territories and Lebanon in the summer of 1979.

Tanber presents both photographic and written views of the residents and discusses each topic dramatically and graphically. The publication shows the surroundings or subject, precisely presents the facts and then leaves it up to the reader to come to his own conclusions.

Major topics are given two pages, mainly due to the dramatic effect of the excellent black and white photographs used in the presentation. Topics include:

The Closed House, an encounter with Israeli soldiers who interrogate young Palestinians and return to either destroy or

permanently seal their homes. Figures are presented which indicate that more than 20,000 Palestinian houses in the occupied territories have been sealed up or blown up since 1967.

The Death of a City, The seven-year occupation of Kuneitra, the home of 53,000 Syrian Arabs who, when they were able to return, found their homes had been leveled by heavy equipment and their once-fertile land ruined.

The Settlements, describes Israeli settlers who build box-like high-rise apartments that stand out in stark contrast to nearby Arab towns and villages and even inside Arab towns.

The Military Grip, under which Israeli soldiers continuously patrol Palestinian property and force the residents to undergo searches. They even take Palestinian children away without charge or trial.

The Camps, describes the daily trek of Palestinian laborers, taken by truck to Israeli kibbutzim, where they labor for low wages. More than 680,000 refugees live in 28 camps on the Occupied West Bank.

The Orphans, describes the de-fatherization of Palestinian society in which orphans are made by Israelis who separate families and allow children to see their parents only once a month, if at all.

The Good Samaritans, tells about "Project Loving Care," a humanitarian organization founded by Dr. Reja-e Busallah, a native of Palestine who is now a professor in the United States. This group provides assistance to many needy families of Palestinian refugees who have no where else to turn. Seven women volunteers visit more than 500 Palestinian families in occupied Arab lands on a regular basis.

The Key, describes the plight of Palestinian families forced to leave their homes and can never return.

The Dispersed, and *The Destroyed*, tells about the plight of Palestinian people who are homeless and without hope ... and then the massacred.

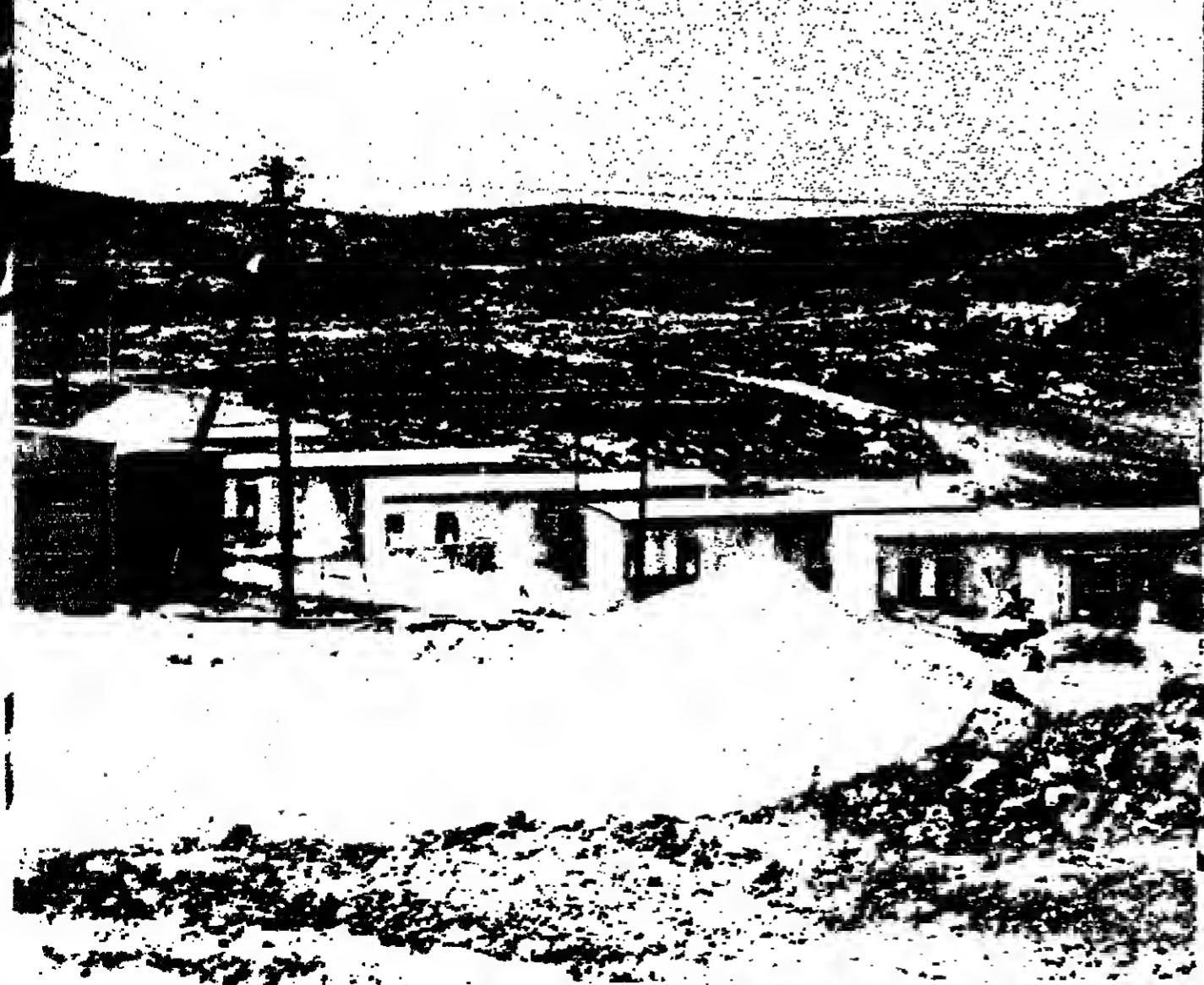
Life Under Israeli Occupation, is a vivid, comprehensive publication which presents the details about the Israeli occupation of Arab territories in a straight-forward and graphic form. The facts of life in the Middle East are shown without editorializing or trying to influence the reader. It should be must reading for everyone and at \$2 a copy it is well worth the investment.



SEALED HOME: Families of jailed West Bank and Gaza Palestinians as a rule soon found their homes either sealed up or destroyed.



U.N. RELIEF: Palestinian children, many of whom are not allowed by Israeli authorities to see their parents for months at a time, live in refugee camps and rely on UNRWA for their daily meals.



ISRAELI TAKEOVER: This sequence of two photos shows why Arabs in occupied territories object so violently to the illegal taking of their land. Above left, military outposts consisting of a few trailers for "surveillance purposes" are built. Above right, from the trailers sprout concrete highrises which turn the outposts into small cities.

ANDY CAPP
HEY! YOU! FLO'S SICK OF THAT DAMP ON THE KITCHEN WALL - WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
YOU HAVEN'T PAID THE RENT FOR SEVENTEEN WEEKS - WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT?
DON'T EVADE THE ISSUE!!

BEETLE BAILEY
GONNA DISCO THE NIGHT AWAY
GONNA GET MY BABY AND GO, GO, GO!
AFTER HE LEAVES IT TAKES A WHILE FOR THE PLACE TO SETTLE

BLONDIE
RING
RING

B.C.
WILEY'S DICTIONARY
the fear of having a fireman show up at your house dressed like Ronnie McDonald

HAGAR
BUT I THOUGHT YOU COULD USE FINGERS WHEN YOU ATE FRIED CHICKEN
FRIED CHICKEN, OKAY, BUT NOT MASHED POTATOES!

SMALL SOCIETY
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SO DEFENSIVE ABOUT YOUR GENERATION, DAD?
BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY GENERATION I HAVE -

WIZARD
THAT MAN WINKED AT ME!
BETTER THAN THAT!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BETTER THAN THAT?
HE CLOSED BOTH EYES

SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS
HOW TO SERAMBLE
TENNIS IS INFINITELY MORE COMPLEX THAN TWO POINTS ARE EVER QUITE THE SAME.
DON'T BE OF UNUSUAL OR TORTURED UNFAMILIAR ON THE COURT.
WHEN PRESSED BY SURPRISE, FORM AND WHATEVER YOU CAN TO STAY IN THE POINT.



DENNIS the MENACE
"YOU'D BETTER FIND SOMETHING TO DO, MR. WILSON... I'M GONNA BE GONE ALL MORNING!"

Contract Bridge
B. Jay Becker

The Opening Lead

The bidding has been One Spade on your left, Two Notrump on your right, Three Notrump on your left. Which card would you lead in the following four hands?

- ♠ 5 ♥ 952 ♦ 8743 ♣ AK963
- ♠ 842 ♥ J105 ♦ 764 ♣ J972
- ♠ 10 ♥ 84 ♦ A9853 ♣ KJ943
- ♠ 73 ♥ AQ642 ♦ 96 ♣ QJ108

1. Six of clubs. Opening leads are not always cut-and-dried. Selecting the right lead is often a serious challenge and frequently determines the outcome of a hand. The leader is generally guided by two factors. One is the bidding and the other is the hand he is looking at. Later on, after seeing dummy, the opening leader is in better position to make telling decisions, but at the outset he must, in effect, take a shot in the dark. Here the best chance of stopping three notrump lies in clubs. You should be willing to concede the first trick to declarer in the hope that partner will take the lead early enough to return a club and sink the contract. The alternative lead of the king of clubs might prove fatal. If partner had only two clubs it would become impossible to run that suit, for you have no entry card on the side.

2. Jack of hearts. Defense is essentially a partnership project - the opening leader aims to establish tricks for the partnership rather than for himself. The heart lead is clearly in line with this principle, since you have a better chance of striking a resounding blow in hearts than any other suit.

3. Four of clubs. This offers a better chance than a diamond lead. If partner has either the ace or queen of clubs, you are in business right away. Partner would probably need two diamond honors for a diamond lead to be effective. A club is the better percentage lead.

4. Four of hearts. This is a close question and much can also be said for the queen of clubs lead. Sequence leads are usually better than broken-suit leads, for they seldom cost tricks in and of themselves. However, on the other side of the coin is the matter of timing. It may take a while to establish the clubs if the enemy have the A-K of that suit, whereas, a heart lead, if successful, will probably be effective immediately. Either lead can of course succeed or fail; the problem is to estimate which one is more likely to succeed in the long run.

Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1981
What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
A career problem annoys you now, but advisers are helpful. Be resourceful. An unexplored solution will be found by the end of the day.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
If you think a fee exorbitant, examine alternatives. A work project may be aborted. Evening hours favor partnership matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Avoid hasty decisions regarding joint affairs. Consult with partners before acting. Late evening brings a surprise work opportunity.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)
Avoid power-play tactics with close ties. The family is no place for one-upmanship. A surprising romantic encounter marks evening hours.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)
Though you'll make some work progress, you need to watch health. A friend's unusual suggestion has much merit. Listen attentively.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Keep costs down when celebrating. Business interests clash with leisure-time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Family outings are favored. Avoid friction with in-laws or uninvited guests. Be innovative in planning domestic entertainments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
The wrong word could boomerang unfavorably. Be tactful. A happy weekend jaunt gives you a new perspective on gracious living.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Watch out for underhandedness in money dealings with friends. Don't be used. Investigate off-beat ways to generate new income.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Soft-pedal differences on the job. Your likable personality blooms in the company of new acquaintances. Accept invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Though you may feel blocked in some ways, a new career opportunity will present itself. Avoid pessimism. Look to the future.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You may be caught in the middle when an argument erupts among friends. Still, social life does offer you good times after dark.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Lunchroom
5 Black Tuesday
10 Cast
11 Writer Bret
12 Conception
13 Harmony
15 Bandleader
16 Peer's mother
17 Spawn
18 Sniffed
20 With (Ger.)
21 Maple genus
22 North Sea tributary
23 Headlined topic
25 Conduit
26 " - in My Arms"
27 Lion's pride
28 Tiny one
29 Hunting cry
32 Burmese hill dweller
34 Three (prefix)
35 Leakey's discovery
37 Burn
38 Come-on
39 Greek mountains
40 Burroughs or Bergen
41 Entreat

DOWN
1 Mexican dish
2 "Age of Anxiety" poet
3 Fanatic outdoorsman
4 High note
5 Pursuer
6 Sped
7 Rainbow shape
8 Ballad for Ethel Waters
9 Lysistrata, e.g.
14 Block
16 Sheltered
19 Pinnacle
22 Bivouac item
23 Crustacean's claw
24 Backslide purchase
25 Went under
27 Habit
29 Crown
30 Lassoo
31 Deck out
36 Kiosk
37 Filch

Yours - Believe It or Not!

JOE BOWEN of Louisville, Ky., WALKED FROM LOS ANGELES, CA., TO BONENI, KY., COVERING OVER 3,000 MILES - ON STILTS.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
L S O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, appropos, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

HE HK JAXAT EWW DVEA EW
CHXA GM OWGT MTAQGLHSAK. -
- N A J T O L V X H L E N W T A V G
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVEN IF MARRIAGES ARE MADE IN HEAVEN MAN HAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE. -JOHN GRAHAM

Arab News Calendar

3:00	DEAFMAN TV Program (Arabic)	Kidworld No. 101	5:00	News Roundup	10:30	VOC Magazine	11:00	Special English: News	11:30	Music U.S. (Jazz)	12:00	VOA WORLD REPORT	12:00	News Roundup	1:00	World News	1:30	World News	2:00	World News	2:30	World News	3:00	World News	3:30	World News	4:00	World News	4:30	World News	5:00	World News	5:30	World News	6:00	World News	6:30	World News	7:00	World News	7:30	World News	8:00	World News	8:30	World News	9:00	World News	9:30	World News	10:00	World News	10:30	World News	11:00	World News	11:30	World News	12:00	World News
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